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1. Military Training Grounds near Mimon

New military training grounds and a shooting range with secret military objects have been established in the area of Kurivody-Mimon. The Headquarters is located in Mimon. The population has been evacuated from the area. The military objects are distributed throughout extensive woods controlled by the Administration of State Forests (SIF - Statni Lesni Sprava). The Directorate of the SIS is in Doksy, which lies in the district.

2. Airborne Training Center at Mimon

a. The Airborne Training Center now located at Mimon east of Ceska Lipa (051/-F75) is to be transferred to the vicinity of Kosice (R49/E34) upon the advice of a Soviet military commission which visited the Mimon training grounds. The Commander of the Training Center is Lt. Col. Oldrich Talasek. General Drgac, Chief of Czechoslovak General Staff, was ordered by the Russians to give every assistance to General Palecek, Czechoslovak Airborne Commander, in moving and expanding the base.

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b. [REDACTED]

c. A battalion of 500 to 600 men, using JU-52s and Dakotas, is always in training at the center. When they finish their six-month course, the men are returned to their units, where they undergo regular training. Parachutists who are trained for sabotage work are recruited from this battalion.

d. A new type parachute, made of strips of material, is in production and is soon to be issued to the Center.

3. Glider Testing and Training Center at Chrudim

a. At Chrudim (050/M78) a new glider center is to be set up for glider testing and training. Initial plans call for equipping the base with four American-made gliders, each of which will seat thirteen men. Two new Czech glider types are being tested, and if proved successful they will be used at the

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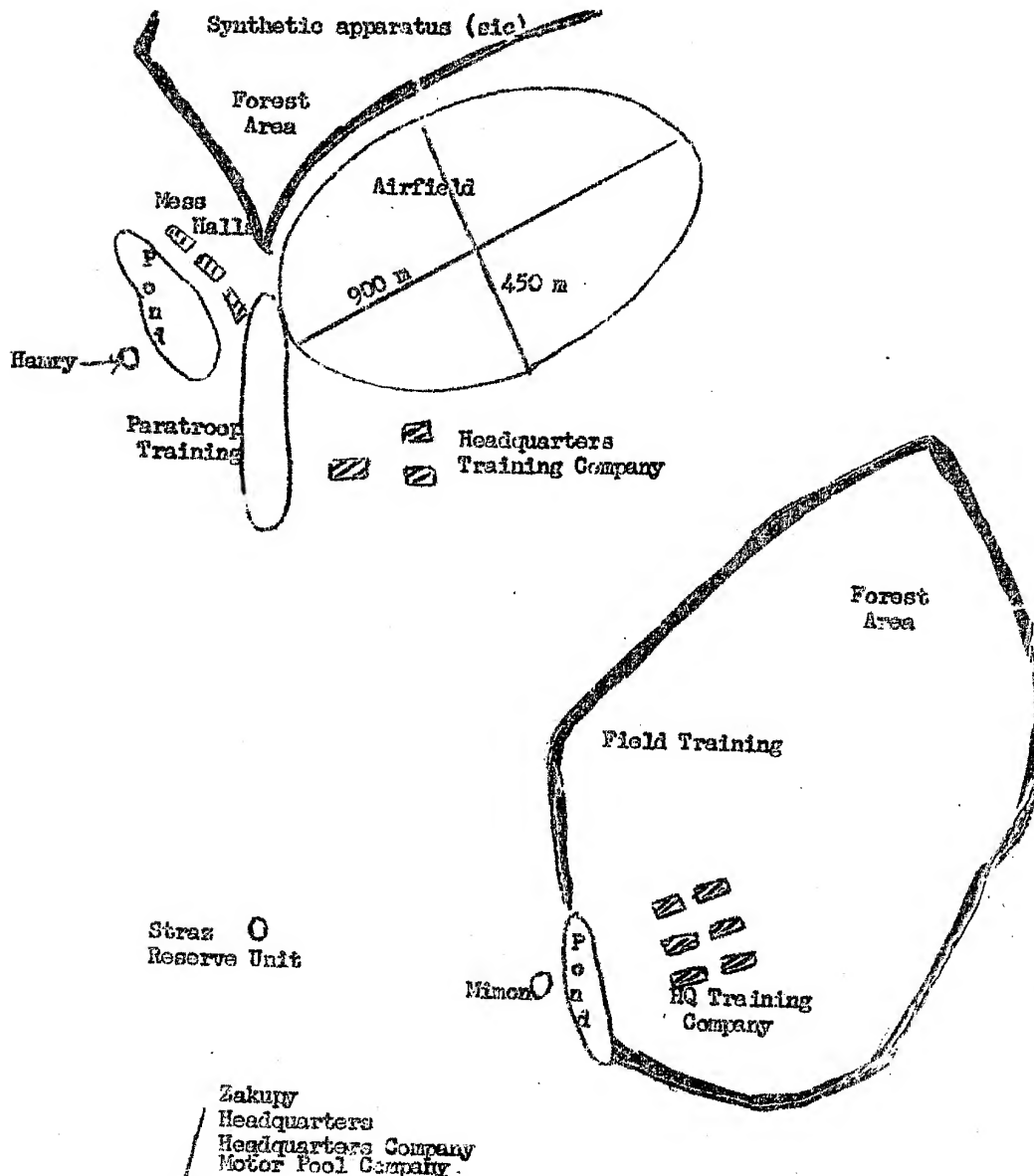
school. One type will seat 13 men and weighs 1,500 kg. The other will carry 23 men and weighs 4,500 kg. Neither type has yet been given an official designation.

- b. The commander of this Center was to be Lt. Col. Antonin Nemec, but he was expelled from a unit commanders school in March 1949 and therefore dropped from consideration for any command position.

ATTACHMENT I

Airborne Training Center - Mimon (East of Ceska Lipa)

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